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~~SECRET SPOKE~~ SECTION THREE OF FOURF46T/8+13 WEEKLY AIR DEFENSE WRAP-UP. THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF SIGINT/COLLATERAL REFLECTIONS OF DRV AIR DEFENSE AND FLIGHT ACTIVITY FOR THE PERIOD 11 THROUGH 17 NOV 67.2. HANOI/GIA LAM A TOTAL OF 21 MIG SORTIES WERE PREFLIGHTED FROM THIS AIRFIELD AND AT LEAST 14 WERE FLOWN, ALL BY VIETNAMESE PILOTS. THIS IS A MARKED DECREASE FROM THE 31 SORTIES FLOWN LAST WEEK. A. ACTIVITY CONSISTED OF DEFENSIVE PATROLS IN REACTION TO USAF/USN STRIKE AIRCRAFT, A TRANSFER FLIGHT TO NINGMING, CHINA, GCI PRACTICE AND UNIDENTIFIED FLIGHT ACTIVITY: ALL DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS. 1. ON 16 NOVEMBER, BETWEEN 0048 AND 0103Z, DRV TACTICAL VOICE AND ASF REFLECTED A FLIGHT OF PROBABLY FOUR HANOI/GIA LAM-BASED MIG-17'S PERFORMING A TRANSFER FLIGHT TO NINGMING, CHINA. ALTHOUGH ONLY THE MIG FLIGHT LEADER WAS NOTED IN COMMUNICATIONS, ANALYSIS OF MIG TRANSFER PBS'S INDICATE THAT THE FLIGHT PROBABLY CONSISTED OF FOUR MIG-17'S. 2. ON 17 NOVEMBER, FOUR HANOI/GIA LAM-BASED MIG-17'S PERFORMED DEFENSIVE PATROLS IN REACTION TO THE USAF A.M. STRIKE AIRCRAFT. THE MIGS RECOVERED AT KEP AIRFIELD. APPROXIMATELY THREE HOURS LATER, THESE FOUR MIG-17'S STAGED OUT OF KEP AIRFIELD AND PERFORMED DEFENSIVE PATROLS IN REACTION TO THE USN NOOFC STRIKE AIRCRAFT. THE MIGS THEN RECOVERED AT PHUC YEN AIRFIELD. DURING THE 03/0000Z HOUR, THESE FOUR MIG-17'S RETURNED TO HANOI/GIA LAM. ZAINVXM AND THIS AIRFIELD IS PRESENTLY CREDITED WITH AT LEAST FOUR MIG-17'S AND TWO MIG-21'S. 3. KEP A TOTAL OF 64 MIG SORTIES WERE PREFLIGHTED FROM THIS AIRFIELD AND AT LEAST 50 WERE FLOWN: ALL BY KORCOM PILOTS, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE FOUR SORTIES FLOWN BY HANOI/GIA LAM-BASED VIETNAMESE PILOTS (SEE PARA ALFA TWO, UNDER HANOI/GIA LAM ABOVE). A. ACTIVITY CONSISTED OF PRACTICE DEFENSIVE PATROLS (IN REACTION TO NON-EXISTENT HOSTILE AIRCRAFT), AIR ATTACK PRACTICE, GCI PRACTICE, FORMATION PRACTICE, AREA FAMILIARIZATION (OVER PHUC YEN AREA) AND UNIDENTIFIED FLIGHT ACTIVITY. 1. DURING THIS WEEK, AT LEAST 18, POSSIBLY 20, KORCOM PILOTS HAVE BEEN REFLECTED PERFORMING ACTIVITY OUT OF KEP AIRFIELD. PBS'S USED AND THE AMOUNT OF TRAINING ACTIVITY PERFORMED BY THESE PILOTS, COMBINED WITH THEIR LACK OF REACTIONS TO U.S. STRIKE AIRCRAFT, INDICATES THEY MAY BE A NEW CONTINGENT OF KORCOM PILOTS IN THE DRV. (POSSIBLY ASSOCIATED WITH THIS, WAS THE ARRIVAL OF A NORTH KOREAN IL-18 AT NANNING, CHINA ON 24 OCTOBER. SHORTLY THEREAFTER, A DRV AN-24 MADE TWO ROUND-TRIP FLIGHTS FROM HANOI TO NANNING. B. AND THIS AIRFIELD IS PRESENTLY CREDITED WITH AT LEAST FOUR MIG-17 AIRCRAFT. SECTION THREE - SURFACE TO AIR (SAM) AND ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY (AAA). COLLATERAL SOURCES REPORTED A MINIMUM OF 112 SAM SIGHTINGS WHILE SIXTEEN LAUNCHES WERE REFLECTED ON DRV SAM ASSOCIATED COMMUNICATIONS. 234TH SAM REGT NTR 236TH SAM REGT V1453 - ON 15 NOV THIS BN WAS REFLECTED TRACKING HOSTILE AIRCRAFT. V1463 - ON 13 NOV THIS BN WAS ACTIVE IN CHATTER AND REPORTING UNIDENTIFIED TYPE REPORTS. NORTHEAST SAM REGT V1424 - ON 14 NOV THIS BN WAS ACTIVE TRACKING HOSTILE AIRCRAFT AND AGAIN ON 15 NOV. ANALYSIS OF THE TRACKING REPORTED ON THE 15TH RECONFIRMS THE BN'S LOCATION. SOUTHWEST SAM REGT V1439 - ON 17 NOV THE BN FIRED THREE MISSILES AT USAF STRIKE AIRCRAFT STRIKING AGAINST BAC

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MI AIRFIELD. V1475 - ON 11 NOV THIS BN HAS REFLECTED IN CHATTER AND ON 16 NOV THE BN LAUNCH FOUR MISSILES AT USAF AND NAVY AIRCRAFT. V1476 - ON 12 NOV THE BN HAS REFLECTED IN ROUTINE CHATTER. EAST HANOI SUB-REGT V1436 - ON 11 NOV THE BN HAS REFLECTED TRACKING U.S. AIRCRAFT. ANALYSIS OF THE TRACKING DATA BEING REPORTED, RECONFIRMS THIS BN'S LOCATION. ON 13 AND 14 NOV THE BN WAS INTERCEPTED IN ROUTINE CHATTER. V1472 - ON 11 NOV THE BN HAS REFLECTED REPORTING UNIDENTIFIED TYPE REPORTS. ON 12 NOV THE BN WAS ACTIVE IN ROUTINE CHATTER. ON 14 NOV THE BN WAS AGAIN REFLECTED REPORTING UNIDENTIFIED REPORTS AND ON 15 NOV WAS OBSERVED TRACKING HOSTILE AIRCRAFT. ON 17 NOV THE BN LAUNCHED A TOTAL OF FOUR MISSILES AT USAF AND NAVY AIRCRAFT AND DOWNED AN A4. MR FOUR SAM REGT (238TH) V1488 - ACTIVE ON 13 NOV TRACKING. ANALYSIS OF THE TRACKING DATA INDICATES THAT THE BN HAS RELOCATED TO 18-54N 105-18E [REDACTED]. THE BN WAS REFLECTED TRACKING HOSTILES AGAIN ON 15 NOV. 900 NNNN

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